

## CHAPTER 26

### VILAS COUNTY MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL TRAILS AND ROUTES ORDINANCE

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**26.01 Authority and Purpose; State Law Adopted.** This ordinance has been created pursuant to County Board authority under Wisconsin Statutes §§59.02, §23.33, §346.94(19), **§350, §23.335, §346.59** and Wisconsin Administrative Code Code NR §64 as amended, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining providing law enforcement to improve safety on ATV/UTV routes and trails; Wisconsin Statutes **§350, and Wisconsin Administrative Code NR §6** for the purpose of establishing and maintaining snowmobile trails and routes and providing law enforcement to improve safety on snowmobile routes and trails; and Wisconsin Statutes **§23.335, §346.59 and**

**Wisconsin Administrative Code NR §65** for the purpose of for the purposes of establishment of Recreational Motor Vehicle routes and trails in, providing law enforcement to improve trail safety, and support in maintenance of trails Vilas County, Wisconsin. **The authority of this ordinance is limited to land areas outside of the boundaries of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indian Reservation with the exception of public trails and routes authorized under a land use agreement between the Tribe and a trail club. Motorized Recreational Vehicle use within the reservation boundaries, off from Tribally approved public trails and routes are subject to Tribal and Federal Regulations and may be enforced by those agencies and court systems.**

- 1) **STATE LAW ADOPTED** Except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, the statutory provisions of the following Wisconsin Statutes and Wisconsin Administrative code with respect to ATV/UTV Snowmobile, and Off-Highway Motor Vehicles and exclusive of any provisions therein relating to penalties to be imposed and exclusive of any regulations for which the statutory penalty is a fine or term of imprisonment are hereby adopted and by reference made a part of this chapter as if fully set forth herein:
- a) **Wis. Stats. §59.02- Power, how exercised; quorum**, related to County procedure and authority to create an ordinance.
  - b) **Wis. Stats. §23.33- All-terrain and Utility terrain Vehicles**, current in its entirety or as may be amended
  - c) **Wis. Stats. §23.335- Off-highway motorcycles**, current in its entirety or as may be amended
  - d) **Wis. Stats. §346.59- Motorcycles and Mopeds**, current or as may be amended
  - e) **Wis. Stats. §346.94(19)- Off-Road Utility Vehicles on Roadway**, current or as may be amended

- f) **Wis. Stats. §350- Snowmobiles**, current in its entirety or as may be amended
- g) **Wis. Admin. Code NR §6- Wisconsin Standards Certification and Snowmobile Rail Crossings** as it may relate to the chapter, current or as may be amended.
- h) **Wis. Admin. Code NR §64- All-Terrain Vehicles** current in its entirety or as may be amended
- i) **Wis. Admin. Code NR §50- Administration of Outdoor Recreation Program Grants and State Aids** as it may relate to the chapter, current or as may be amended.
- j) **Wis. Admin. Code NR §65- Administration of Off-Highway Motorcycle (OHM) Program** as it may relate to the chapter, current or as may be amended.

## 26.02 DEFINITIONS

- 1) **CHAPTER** Shall be defined as Chapter 26- Vilas County Motorized Recreational Trails and Routes Ordinance, as revised.
- 2) **COMMITTEE** Shall be defined as the Vilas County Forestry, Recreation and Land Committee.
- 3) **DEPARTMENT** Shall be defined as the Vilas County Forestry, Recreation and Land Department.
- 4) **Electric Bicycles(E-Bikes)** The state of Wisconsin (WI) defines electric bikes as a bicycle with a motor attached. E-bikes are classified as “motor bicycles,” and are regulated like bicycles, so long as the bicycle’s motor has a maximum power output of 750w, has pedals that propel the bike with human power and the bike doesn’t exceed 20mph.
- 5) **ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE (ATV)** Wisconsin law, Chapter 340.01 (2g) of Wisconsin Statutes, defines an all-terrain vehicle as a commercially designed and manufactured motor-driven device which has a net weight of 900 pounds or less, *was originally manufactured with a width of 50 inches or*

*less, equipped with a seat designed to be straddled by the operator* and which is designed by the manufacturer to travel on three or more tires. This includes small or child-sized ATVs. Certain ATVs that do not currently fit the ATV definition may be registered as UTVs. The following do not meet legal ATV specifications.

- Any recreational vehicles or machines that do not meet the statutory specifications for ATVs.
- An ATV modified with tracks, skis, etc.
- Machines that can be legally registered as UTVs.
- An off-road motorcycle.
- 6-8 wheel amphibious vehicles.
- A go-cart or golf cart
- Golf cart: a vehicle in which the speed attainable in one mile does not exceed 20 mph on a paved, level surface, and that is designed and intended to convey one or more persons and equipment to play the game of golf in an area designated as a golf course.
- A homemade or non-commercially manufactured machine.

- 6) **UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE (UTV)** Wisconsin law Chapter 23.33.(1)(ng) of Wisconsin Statutes, defines an utility-terrain vehicle as a commercially designed and manufactured motor-driven device that is designed to be used primarily off highway, and originally manufactured and equipped with all of the following: a weight, without fluids, of 2,000 pounds or less; four or more tires; steering wheel; tail light; brake light; two headlights; width of not more than 65 inches; seat belts; and roll bar or similar device designed to reduce the likelihood that an occupant would be crushed as the result of a rollover. This includes small or child-sized UTVs. Vehicles that do not qualify as an ATV as defined in ss.340.01(2g) but are commercially designed and manufactured,

motor driven devices that contain 3 or more tires, a weight without fluids of 2000 pounds or less, a width of 65 inches or less and a seat designed to be straddled by the operator may also be registered as a UTV. The following do not meet legal UTV specifications:

- A motor-driven device that meets federal motor vehicle safety standards
- a UTV modified with tracks, skis, etc.
- a dune buggy or golf cart
- Golf cart: a vehicle in which the speed attainable in one mile does not exceed 20 mph on a paved, level surface, and that is designed and intended to convey one or more persons and equipment to play the game of golf in an area designated as a golf course.
- vehicles that meet the legal definition of a low speed vehicle
- a mini-truck
- a homemade or non-commercially manufactured machine

7) **OFF HIGHWAY MOTOR CYCLE (OHM)** Wisconsin Statutes define an OHM as any 2-wheeled motor vehicle that is straddled by the operator, that is equipped with handlebars, and that is designed for use off a highway, regardless of whether the motor vehicle is also designed for use on a highway.

8) **OFF HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE (OHMV)** Wisconsin Statutes define “Motor vehicle” means a vehicle, including a combination of 2 or more vehicles or an articulated vehicle, which is self- propelled, except a vehicle operated exclusively on a rail. “Motor vehicle” includes, without limitation, a commercial motor vehicle or a vehicle which is propelled by electric power. OHMV under the Chapter shall be all vehicles defined as Motor Vehicles which are operating or located off from defined public roadways. OHMV are typically include truck, jeeps, cars, and motorcycles

which can meet licensing requirements for road use but are commonly modified to allow for efficient off-road use.

9) **SNOWMOBILE** Wisconsin law, Chapter 340.01 (58a) of Wisconsin Statutes, defines a snowmobile as an engine-driven vehicle that is manufactured solely for snowmobiling that has an endless belt tread and sled-type runners, or skis, to be used in contact with snow. All snowmobiles must be 48 inches wide or less. This includes a child-sized snowmobile. A vehicle that has inflatable tires is not considered a snowmobile even if skis are attached. An ATV or similar machine that is converted with an aftermarket kit, complete with skis and a track cannot be registered as a snowmobile and cannot be driven on public snowmobile trails.

10) **SHARED USE TRAIL** shall be defined under the chapter to include any trail that is utilized by multiple user groups at various times of the year. These trails may include but not be limited to ATV/UTV, OHM, Snowmobile, Bicycle, Equestrian, and Hiking utilizing the same trail on the same property.

11) **TRAIL ALLIANCE**. Group which has been officially established as an independent entity, under articles of incorporation with goals of providing cooperation and unity between trail clubs which operate, maintain and promote specific trails and trail types in Vilas County.

**Recognized Trail Alliances in Vilas County:**

Vilas County ATV/UTV Alliance  
Vilas County Snowmobile Alliance

12) **TRAIL CLUB**. Group which has been officially established as an independent entity, under articles of incorporation with goals of operating, maintaining and promoting specific trails and trail types in Vilas County.

Recognized Trail Clubs in Vilas County:

ATV/UTV Clubs:

Boulder Junction ATV/UTV Club  
LandOver ATV Club  
Lakeland ATV Club  
St. Germain ATV Club  
Sayner Barnstormers ATV Club  
Lac Du Flambeau ATV Club

Snowmobile Clubs:

Arbor Vitae- Cross Country Cruisers  
Boulder Junction  
Conover Sno-Buddies  
Eagle River Sno-Eagles Inc.  
Lac du Flambeau- Northern Hornshoe  
Land O'Lakes Frosty  
Manitowish Waters Sno-Skeeters  
Phelps  
Presque Isle- Winchester Sno-Bunnies  
Sayner Barnstormers  
St. Germain Bo-Boen

OHM Clubs:

Landover Dual Sporters  
(part of LandOver ATV Club)

- 13) TRAIL OPENING. Authorization made by Vilas County to sanction use of specific trails within the county. Official Trail opening is accomplished by act of the Committee to provide a Public Service Announcement to sanction opening specific trails, on a certain date and at a certain time. Established practice for seasonal opening is for trail clubs or alliances to provide certification for safe trail conditions prior to sanctioning of the opening.
- 14) TRAIL CLOSURE. Authorization made by Vilas County to sanction closure of specific trails within the county. Official Trail Closure is accomplished by act of the Committee to provide a Public Service Announcement to sanction closing of specific trails, on a certain date and at a certain time. Established practice for

seasonal closure is for trail clubs or alliances to provide certification for deteriorating conditions resulting in unsafe conditions prior to sanctioning of the closing, however the Committee reserves to authority to close trails at any time for reason.

- 15) TRAIL MAINTENANCE SEASON. A specific term of dates within any year when trail maintenance by trail clubs is planned and authorized. This season may be dependent upon agreement from landowners of which particular trails cross.
- 16) PLANNED TRAIL SEASON. A specific term of dates within any year which sets planned seasonal trail opening dates and seasonal trail closing for specific trail types.
- 17) ACTUAL TRAIL SEASON. The actual term of dates within any year when trail conditions provide for trail operation of specific trail types. This is the term between Public Service Announcement for opening and Public Service Announcement for closing of specific trail types.
- 18) UNCLASSIFIED RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (URV) Any recreational vehicle or machine that does not meet the statutory specifications for ATV, UTV, Off Highway Motorcycle, Off Highway Motor Vehicle, or Snowmobile which is operated for recreational use or transportation shall be considered URV under the Chapter. The following types of vehicles are examples of URV:
- a) E- Bicycles
  - b) 6-8 Wheel Amphibious Vehicles.
  - c) Tractors and lawn tractors utilized as alternative transportation
  - d) A go-cart
  - e) Golf cart: a vehicle in which the speed attainable in one mile does not exceed 20 mph on a paved, level surface, and



- that is designed and intended to convey one or more persons and equipment to play the game of golf in an area designated as a golf course.
- f) A UTV modified with tracks, skis, etc.
  - g) A dune buggy or golf cart
  - h) Vehicles that meet the legal definition of a low speed vehicle
  - i) A mini-truck
  - j) A homemade or non-commercially manufactured machine
- 19) **MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL VEHICLE (MRV)** shall be defined under the chapter to include all ATV, UTV, OHM, OHMV, SNOWMOBILE, or URV operated off from official defined roads to include all operation on lands, trails, routes or ice in Vilas County.
- 20) **MRV TRAIL** shall be defined under the chapter to include trails designed for ATV/UTV, OHM or Snowmobile use on public property or on private lands, subject to public easement or lease, authorized for use by ATV/UTV, OHM or Snowmobiles by the governmental agency having jurisdiction. Trails exclude roadways of highways.
- 21) **MRV ROUTE** shall be defined under the chapter to include public roadways or streets authorized for ATV/UTV, OHM or Snowmobile use under ordinances approved by the operating government of jurisdiction. Authorization of ordinances are subject to requirements and restrictions of Wisconsin Statutes for various roadway types and various MRV uses. *Ordinances must be enacted by a municipality and/or county* before operation may occur. Routes by statute are roadway portions, not the shoulder or other parts of the right-of-way (ROW), where MRV operation is authorized
- 22) **MRV TRAIL SYSTEM** shall be defined under the chapter to include connecting ATV/UTV, OHM or Snowmobile trails and routes are connected to a state funded trail system for defined use.

- 23) **Tribe** shall be defined under the Chapter to be the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.
- 24) **Tribal Council** shall be defined under the Chapter to be the Council of tribal members elected to officially represent the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.
- 25) **Reservation** shall be defined under the chapter to be all lands and waters within the exterior boundaries of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Indians reservation.
- 26) **Tribal Lands** shall be defined under the chapter to include all lands owned or under Federal trust status, Tribal and Allotted, within the boundaries of the Reservation.
- 27) **Tribal member** shall be defined as a person enrolled and accepted by Tribal and Federal Regulation as an official member of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

## 26.03 FINANCES

### **ACCOUNTS FOR RECREATIONAL TRAIL SAFETY AND RECREATIONAL OFFICER FUNDING.**

Accounts shall be created and budgeted to provide funding for Recreational Trail Safety projects under the Forestry, Recreation and Land Committee ~~and Recreational Officer Funding under the Law Enforcement Committee~~

- a. **GROUP AND USER DONATIONS.** Proceeds generated from group or user donations for the Committee shall be deposited into non-lapsing accounts and utilized for training and education programming and information and media projects benefiting recreational user safety as determined appropriate by the Committee

~~b. FORFEITURES FROM VIOLATIONS OF THE~~

**CHAPTER**

- ~~i. 80% of forfeitures from violation of the chapter shall be deposited into income accounts under law enforcement in support of additional recreational officer patrols to provide support for enforcement of the Chapter.~~
- ~~ii. 20% of the forfeitures from violation of the chapter shall be deposited into the Recreational Trails Safety account in the Forestry, Recreation and Land Department to provide training and education programming and information and media projects benefiting recreational user safety as determined appropriate by the Committee. These funds shall be carried over for a one year period with budgeting in the year following the income for projects as defined above.~~

**26.04 OPERATION OF  
MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL  
VEHICLES**

**1) EXCEPTIONS ON RESERVATION  
LANDS.**

- ~~a) No sections of 26.04 may be enforceable for Tribal members operating any MRV within the Reservation. On the reservation, Tribal members are only subject to penalties as identified in Tribal rules, laws and ordinances and Federal law. People that are not Tribal members may be subject to penalties as identified by Tribal rules, laws and ordinances, Federal law and the Chapter as determined by the appropriate officials~~

**2) PUBLIC LAND.**

- a) No person shall operate any MRV on public lands, trails, or roads unless authorized by the Federal, State or

County agency controlling the lands under a permit or **unless marked as open** to the specific MRV type used.

- b) No person shall operate any MRV on public lands, trails, or roads **designated as closed** to vehicles by a sign, physical barrier or gate (either open or closed) placed by the Federal, State or County agency controlling the lands.
- c) No person shall operate any MRV off from established trail surfaces on public lands. Trail surfaces shall be signed and marked with uniform motorized recreational (ATV/UTV, OHM or Snowmobile) vehicle signs in accordance with Wisconsin Administrative Code
- d) No person shall operate any MRV cross country on public land.
- e) Federal, State or County by the Federal, State or County agency controlling the lands shall be exempt from MRV use limitations in this subsection when MRV utilization is authorized for completion of duties on the public lands.

**3) PRIVATE LAND.**

- a) No person shall operate any MRV on private lands, trails, or roads unless authorized by the landowner.
- b) No person shall operate any MRV off from established trail surfaces on private lands. Trail surfaces shall be signed and marked with uniform motorized recreational (ATV/UTV, OHM or Snowmobile) vehicle signs in accordance with Wisconsin Administrative Code
- c) Landowners of specific lands shall be exempt from MRV use limitations in this subsection on lands under their control.

**4) TRIBAL LAND.**

- a) With the exception of Tribal members exercising Tribal rights on Tribal lands, no person shall operate any MRV on Tribal lands, trails, or roads unless authorized as a public trail by the Tribal Council under a land use permit and

- operated as a public trail or route by an established Trail Club. Such public trail or route shall **marked as open** by signage for the specific MRV type.
- b) With the exception of Tribal members exercising Tribal rights on Tribal lands, no person shall operate any MRV off from established trail surfaces on public trails or routes authorized by the Tribal Council and operated as a public trail by an established Trail Club. Public trails and routes on Tribal lands shall be signed and marked with uniform motorized recreational (ATV/UTV, OHM or Snowmobile) vehicle signs in accordance with Wisconsin Administrative Code and must also follow any Tribal regulations for signage as identified in the Land Use Agreement.
- c) No person shall operate any MRV cross country on Tribal land, except Tribal members exercising Tribal rights on Tribal lands, if allowable under Tribal regulations.
- d) Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribal departments and Tribal members of that band shall be exempt from MRV use limitations in this subsection on Tribal lands within the exterior boundaries of the Tribal reservation.
- 5) **DAMAGE BY MRV.** No person shall operate any MRV in such a manner as to cause intentional soil displacement, soil erosion, soil or water pollution or other environmental damage on any authorized trail, road, land or waterbody.
- 6) **MRV Parking.** No person shall park, stop or leave standing, whether attended or unattended, any MRV, in any manner as to block, obstruct, or limit the use of any road, trail, waterway, or facility, or contrary to posted notice.
- 7) **MRV ENTRY INTO WATERBODY OR WETLAND** No person shall enter any lake, stream, pond, wetland, or other waterbody with any MRV. Designated drivable fords which are part of an authorized trails are exempt from this subsection.
- 8) **MRV SPEED.**
- a) No person shall operate any MRV in excess of posted MRV speed limits on any road, route, trail or lake in Vilas County.
- b) MRV speed shall not exceed posted limits for motor vehicles on authorized routes, or the speed limit posted for the MRV, whichever is less.
- 9) **SINGLE FILE** No person shall operate any MRV except single file on the right-hand side of authorized trails.
- 10) **UNCLASSIFIED RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (URV).** No person shall operate any URV on any MRV Trail within Vilas County unless that person is the owner of land of which such trail crosses or authorized by a permit from the land manager for public lands.
- 11) **OFF HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLES (OHMV)** No person shall operate any OHMV on any MRV Trail within Vilas County unless that person is the owner of land of which such trail crosses or authorized by a permit from the land manager for public lands. Note that OHMV use is allowed on MRV Routes as regulated for public roadways.
- 12) **PARENT OR GUARDIAN SUPERVISION** Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult designated by the parent or guardian when operating any MRV on any route, trail or lake in Vilas County. Supervision requirement doesn't apply on private property or crossing roads to adjoining private property.
- 13) **MRV ON ROADWAYS**
- a) No person shall operate and MRV on a roadway unless the MRV meets requirements as a motor vehicle or unless that roadway is designated by the

Department of Transportation, County or Municipality as an official Route.

- b) No person shall be operate an MRV on a roadway other than the extreme right side of the roadway and travel with the flow of traffic.
- c) No person shall operate an MRV on a roadway other than in single file.
- d) No person shall operate an MRV on a roadway without headlights illuminated at all times.
- e) No person shall operate any MRV off the paved portion of roadways. Operation on the gravel shoulders, grassy slopes, ditches, or other highway or road right-of-way is prohibited and illegal, unless such area is part of a authorized and property signed trail system.
- f) All operators of MRV on a roadway shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicular traffic and pedestrians.

## 26.05 NON-MOTORIZED USE OF MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL TRAILS

### 1) EXCEPTIONS ON RESERVATION LANDS.

- a) No sections of 26.05 may be enforceable for Tribal members utilizing non-motorized transportation within the Reservation. On the reservation, Tribal members are only subject to penalties as identified in Tribal rules, laws and ordinances and Federal law. People that are not Tribal members may be subject to penalties as identified by Tribal rules, laws and ordinances, Federal law and the Chapter as determined by the appropriate officials

- 2) Due to safety concerns with non-motorized uses on motorized recreational trails and mosaic of property ownership across Vilas County, non-motorized use of MRV trails is

not advisable. Non-motorized users of MRV trails shall be aware of the following:

### 1. PEDESTRIAN, E-BICYCLE, BICYCLE AND EQUESTRIAN USE OF MRV TRAILS

MRV Trail use is based upon recreational agreements in place throughout the county with various landowners. Those recreational agreements provide for specific uses according to the agreement. Anyone that utilizes MRV trails to walk, ski snowshoe or ride equestrian animals on any marked MRV trail may be subject to trespassing or other violations unless that person is the landowner, has permission from the landowner or is authorized through policy or agreement of the public entity managing the lands. The presence of trail signage does not allow for any and all recreational use of properties. People walking, skiing, snowshoeing, biking or riding equestrian animals on any MRV trails marked in Vilas County retain the responsibility to know the ownership of the lands and land regulations on the properties upon which they enter.

### ~~26.05 NON-MOTORIZED USE OF MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL TRAILS~~

~~Due to safety concerns with non-motorized uses on motorized recreational trails, non-motorized use of trails will be regulated on motorized recreational trails unless trails are determined to be safe for non-motorized uses. Non-motorized use of MRV routes is only limited by state regulations for public roadways.~~

### ~~2. PEDESTRIAN USE OF MRV TRAILS~~

~~No person shall walk, ski or snowshoe on any MRV trail within Vilas County, when such trail is officially open, unless that person is the landowner, has permission from the landowner or is authorized by the public entity~~



managing the lands of which the trail crosses. On County lands, MRV trails open to pedestrian use will marked with a pedestrian sign.

3. ~~**BICYCLE USE OF MRV TRAILS**~~ No person shall operate any bicycle on any MRV trail within Vilas County when such trail is officially open, unless that person is the landowner, has permission from the landowner or is authorized by the public entity managing the lands of which the trail crosses. Under the Chapter E bikes are considered URV which are excluded from MRV trails. On County lands, trails open to bicycle use will marked with a bicycle sign. E-bike use on County lands require a permit from the department.

4. ~~**EQUESTRIAN USE.**~~ No person shall utilize equestrian transportation on any MRV trail within Vilas County unless that person is the landowner, has permission from the landowner or is authorized by the public entity managing the lands of which the trail crosses. On County lands, motorized trails open to equestrian use will marked with an equestrian sign or shared use sign. Motorized traffic may also have posted speed limits within shared use trail areas.

## 26.06 ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE (ATV) AND UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLES (UTV) TRAILS AND ROUTES

### 1) EXCEPTIONS ON RESERVATION LANDS.

- a) No sections of 26.06 may be enforceable for Tribal members operating any ATV/UTV within the Reservation. On the reservation, Tribal members are only

subject to penalties as identified in Tribal rules, laws and ordinances and Federal law. People that are not Tribal members may be subject to penalties as identified by Tribal rules, laws and ordinances, Federal law and the Chapter as determined by the appropriate officials

### 2) **OFFICIAL ATV/UTV TRAILS. STATE FUNDED ATV/UTV TRAILS**

- a) **Grant Funding.** The Department will sponsor grant funding upon request and will provide assistance to trail clubs for grant applications related to establishment and maintenance of official ATV/UTV trails. Official trails must meet specifications for State funding as identified in grant requirements. Grant funding may include but not be limited to State and Federal grant programs.

#### b) **AGREEMENTS REQUIRED.**

i) **LAND USE AGREEMENTS REQUIRED.** Prior to acceptance as an official ATV/UTV trail or route and prior to County assistance with grant funding, trails on Vilas County Lands, State Lands, Federal Lands and within the Reservation shall be authorized by appropriate agency through a land use agreement with the operating club for such use. If the trail is proposed to be situated on County highway right-of-way, land use agreements shall be in cooperation with and the approval of the Vilas County Highway Committee. All trail designations on County lands shall be consistent with the Vilas County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan. **Standard County Land Use Agreements can be found in Appendix 2A. Other agencies have their independent requirements for land use agreements and processing requirements.**

- ii) **EASEMENTS** All ATV/UTV trails shall have a written easement, verbal easement or land use agreement between the operating trail club and the landowner or managing agency which meets requirements of the landowner. Easements shall be certified by the operating trail club annually as part of the annual operations and maintenance agreement.
- iii) **TRAIL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS.** Trail clubs shall maintain an annual maintenance agreement with Vilas County. Annual maintenance agreements shall define the managing trail club as “the operator” of the trail segments. All maintenance agreements will include a requirement for liability insurance provided by the managing Trail club, naming Vilas County as an additional insured. Any and all trail maintenance agreements must be approved by the Committee with signature of the Committee Chair. **Standard ATV/UTV Operations and Maintenance Agreements can be found in Appendix 1A.**
- c) **LIABILITY.** Annual maintenance agreements shall list parcel identification numbers for all lands. this requirement will provide protections to the landowners under Wisconsin Recreation Laws. All land parcel identification numbers shall also be designated by the operating trail club under their annual liability insurance policy to protect landowners. Trails sponsored by Vilas County in grant application shall also have Vilas County named as additional insured with a certificate filed and maintained by the Department.
- d) **MAINTENANCE OF OFFICIAL MAPS AND AGREEMENTS** The department will maintain official maps and agreements for State Funded ATV/UTV trails which meet the requirement of the Chapter.
- e) **PLANNED TRAIL SEASON.** May 1<sup>st</sup> until October 31<sup>st</sup> of any year, depending upon weather, trail and environmental conditions. Earlier opening may be approved in any year with Committee approval. Actual trail season will be determined by official opening and closing announcements based upon adequate trail operating and environmental conditions as determined by Trail Clubs, the Vilas County ATV/UTV Alliance and the Department.
- f) **TRAIL MAINTENANCE SEASON FOR SHARED USE TRAILS.** ATV/UTV Clubs that share trails with other users shall complete maintenance and rehabilitation on shared trails between April 15<sup>th</sup> through November 15<sup>th</sup> of any year, depending upon weather and trail conditions. Trail maintenance activity is subject to coordination of the landowner and or land manager for all lands crossed. Maintenance of shared use trails outside of the defined season shall be coordinated by direct contact with the trail clubs that share the particular trail prior to any on-trail activity.
- g) **TURNOVER FOR SHARED USE TRAILS.** All ATV/UTV clubs that share trails with Snowmobile Clubs shall attend mandatory turnover meetings between ATV/UTV and Snowmobile Clubs on the third Tuesday in April and the Second Tuesday in November of each year. These mandatory meetings will focus on issues that need to be resolved prior to turnover of the trails to the other user groups. Official turnover date of shared use trail segments shall be determined by consensus of the trail clubs in attendance. Any conflict arising from

shared trail use will be resolved through action of the Committee.

- h) **TRAIL OPENING.** Authorization will be made by Vilas County any time after May 1<sup>st</sup> of any year, to sanction use of ATV/UTV trails within the county upon receipt of certification forms from trail clubs and confirmation of a vote of the Vilas County ATV/UTV alliance that safe and maintainable trail and conditions exist. The Committee will approve opening dates following inspections by the department to confirm the certifications and ensure that environmental conditions allow sustainable operation of the trails. Trail opening will be completed with approval of the Committee and provision of a Public Service Announcement by the Department through local media outlets to sanction trail opening on specific dates and at a certain time.

- i) **TRAIL CLOSURE.** Authorization will be made by Vilas County to sanction closure of ATV/UTV trails within the county upon confirmation of a vote of the Vilas County ATV/UTV alliance that trail conditions are deteriorating resulting in unsafe and unmaintainable trail surfaces or upon reaching October 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, whichever is earlier. Closure of trail segments or trail sections may be completed by the Committee from inspections which identify safety issues, conflicting uses which provide for unsafe operation of the trail or for environmental and resource degradation resulting from trail operation or inadequate trail maintenance. Trail closures will be completed with approval of the Committee and provision of a Public Service Announcement by the Department through local media outlets to sanction closing of trails on a specific date and at a certain time.

- 3) **CLUB FUNDED TRAILS.** Trails that do not meet specification to be state funded can be operated and maintained with private club funding. Vilas County does not sponsor or provide funding for Club trails. It is recommended that the club operating a club funded trail should maintain both easements and liability policies which protect landowners in all cases.

- 4) **ATV/UTV TRAILS AND ROUTES WITHIN THE RESERVATION BOUNDARY-** At this point, no agreements are in place with the Tribe for formal ATV/UTV trails or routes on the Reservation.

- 5) **ATV/UTV ROUTES ON COUNTY ROADWAYS-** ATV/UTV trail clubs and other interested parties can request the use of roadways from the County depending upon road conditions and speed limits. An established ATV/UTV club must request the route use through the Department. Any use of County property, including use of rights of way or travel on the paved surface will require a land use agreement approved by the appropriate Committee of jurisdiction. Land Use agreements will be drafted and presented by the Department and processed through the appropriate County Committees. Under the land use agreement, the operating ATV/UTV club shall provide for insurance coverage and maintenance as may be required by the Committee of jurisdiction. (Note that prior to consideration of this ordinance by the County Board, land use agreements will be drafted for all roads currently used)

a) **STATE HIGHWAYS**

**ATV/UTV routes — definition**

ATV routes by statute are on the roadway portion of a highway and not the shoulder or other parts of the right-of-way (ROW). A roadway is defined in Wis. Stat. as the, "portion of a highway between the regularly established curb lines or that portion

which is improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, excluding the berm or shoulder." On a 2-lane rural highway, the "roadway" is the area between the fog lines (white lines). In an urban area, it is the area between the curbs.

Wis. Stat. s. 23.33 allows all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) to operate on a state highway in certain cases, which are detailed in sections A - C below. An ATV ordinance must be enacted by a municipality and/or county before operation may occur.

#### **A - ATV route designation on state highways**

A town, village, city or county may enact an ordinance under Wis. Stat. s. 23.33(8)(b)1. to designate a highway not under its jurisdiction as an ATV route. In this case, ATV operation on a state highway or connecting highway is allowed only if WisDOT approves the route. WisDOT's approval consists of an ATV route order that is issued for the authorized segment of state or connecting highway.

WisDOT will review an ATV ordinance to verify that the termini of the authorized route is what WisDOT and the municipality or county agreed upon prior to issuing the route order.

**Under the Chapter all ATV/UTV routes on State Highways shall have a detailed listing of termini for each individual route**

#### **B - ATV operation on state highways with speed limits of 35 mph or less within municipal boundaries**

A town, village or city may enact an ordinance under Wis. Stat. s.

23.33(11)(am)4. to authorize the operation of ATVs on a highway that has a speed limit of 35 mph or less and is located within the territorial boundaries of the town, village or city regardless of who has jurisdiction over the highway. In this case, ATV operation on a state highway is not subject to WisDOT approval.

WisDOT will review an ATV ordinance to verify that the statute language "authorize the operation" has been correctly used instead of "designated."

Much of the state highway system operates with speed limits above 35 mph, and these higher speed highways remain off-limits to ATV use without approval from WisDOT. Speed limits on any highway are set after careful consideration to enhance safety and facilitate traffic flow for the traveling public and are typically not based on a specific type of vehicle.

#### **i) *ATV/UTV AUTHORIZED ROUTES ON STATE HIGHWAYS***

"Under Wis. Stat. S. 23.33(11)(am)4, the Town of Phelps authorizes operation of ATV/UTV on Wis. State Highway 17 from CTH E to Hackley Circle which has a posted speed limit of 35 MPH or less and this area shall be posted as such.

All ATV/UTV trails/routes shall be open from May 1- October 31, unless otherwise posted or until Vilas County creates a county wide season."

**C - ATV operation over state highway bridges 1,000' in length or less**

Under Wis. Stat. [ss. 23.33\(4\)\(d\)3.b.](#) and [11\(am\)3.](#), ATVs may be authorized to operate on the roadway or shoulder of a highway to cross a bridge 1,000 feet or less in length that is located within the territorial boundaries of a county, city, village or town, regardless of who has jurisdiction over the highway, and only if a county **and** a city, village or town **both** enact ordinances that apply to the bridge. In this case, ATV operation on a state highway bridge is not subject to WisDOT approval.

Under the law, ATVs must exit the highway as quickly and safely as practicable after crossing the bridge. WisDOT defines this as the first available road authorized as an ATV route on either side of the bridge that is not a dead end, or an ATV trail on WisDOT right-of-way that is established after crossing the bridge in which ATVs may use. A bridge is any structure (bridge, box culvert, etc.) over a navigable waterway, highway or railroad.

A county, city, village, or town may enact an ordinance to authorize the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicles on a highway bridge that is not part of the national system of interstate and defense highways, that is 1,000 feet in length or less, and that is located within the territorial boundaries of the county, city, village, or town regardless of whether the county, city, village, or town has jurisdiction over the highway.

WisDOT reviews both municipal and county ATV ordinances developed under the two bridge statutes to verify that:

- 1) The ATV route has the appropriate termini on each side of the bridge (the first available road or ATV trail as described above) and that both ordinances mention the same roads or trails.
- 2) Any such ordinance shall require a person crossing a bridge to do all of the following:
  - a) Cross the bridge in the most direct manner practicable and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing.
  - b) Stay as far to the right of the roadway or shoulder as practicable.
  - c) Stop the vehicle prior to the crossing.
  - d) Yield the right-of-way to other vehicles, pedestrians, electric scooters, and electric personal assistive mobility devices using the roadway or shoulder.
  - e) Exit the highway as quickly and safely as practicable after crossing the bridge.
- 3) The statute language "authorize the operation" has been correctly used instead of "designated."

The term "jurisdiction" in sections A - C above refers to maintenance jurisdiction instead of the right-of-way (fee title) owner or highway easement owner.

**ATV trails on state highway ROW**

WisDOT may authorize an ATV trail within the ROW of a state highway if sufficient space is available, and the proposed trail does not affect the safety, maintenance and operation of the highway. ATV trails on state highways require a [DT1504](#) permit from WisDOT, and a municipality or county must be the applicant. For more information on



the permitting process, go to the [STH connection permits](#) webpage.

**b) COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAYS**

Vilas County may authorize the operation of ATV/UTV vehicles on County Trunk Highways.

ATV/UTV Routes on County trunk highways shall be processed through the Committee with cooperation of the Highway Committee. Any use of County highway property will require a land use agreement or amendment of current land use agreements and approval by the Highway Committee.

Once the land use agreement is approved, the Committee will process a resolution for amendment of the Chapter to the Vilas County Board of Supervisors for approval.

**i) YEAR ROUND APPROVED COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAY ATV/UTV ROUTES.** Vilas County authorizes the operation of ATV/UTV vehicles for year-round use on the following County Highway Segments:

- (1) County Trunk A. Beginning at the intersection with Hwy 17 and extending south and easterly approximately 8.66 miles to the Forest County Line, including all segments in the Town of Phelps
- (2) County Trunk B. Beginning at the intersection with Hwy 45 and extending westerly approximately 12.5 miles to the western boundary of the Town of Land O' Lakes including all segments
- (3) County Trunk E. Beginning at the intersection of Hwy 17 in

the Town of Phelps and extending northwesterly approximately 8.53 miles to the intersection of Hwy 45, including all segments of in the Towns of Phelps and the Town of Land O' Lakes

- (4) County Trunk G. Beginning at the intersection with Hwy 45 and extending westerly approximately 11.1 miles to the intersection Peterson Road, including all segments of in the Town of Lincoln, Town of St. Germain and Town of Cloverland
- (5) County Trunk K. Beginning at the intersection with Hwy 45 and extending easterly approximately 8.8 miles to the intersection of County Hwy E. Including segments in the Towns of Conover and Phelps
- (6) County Trunk K. Beginning at the intersection with Hwy 45 and extending westerly approximately 5.62 miles to the western boundary of the Town of Conover, including segments in the Town of Conover
- (7) County Trunk S. Beginning at the intersection with County Hwy K and extending northerly approximately 8.98 miles to the intersection with County Hwy B, including segments in the Towns of Conover and Town of Land O'Lakes.
- (8) County Trunk H. Beginning at the intersection with Hwy 70 and extending south approximately 0.14 miles to the Oneida County line, including all segments of County H in the

Town of Cloverland and  
Town of Lincoln

- (9) County Trunk M. Beginning at the intersection with Hwy 51 and extending approximately 1.23 miles northeasterly to the eastern boundary of the Town of Arbor Vitae, including all segments in the Town of Arbor Vitae

- ii) **COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAY  
ATV/UTV ROUTES APPROVED  
FOR SPECIFIC TERMS.** Vilas County authorizes the operation of ATV/UTV vehicles for use during defined terms on the following County Highway Segments:

*None identified*

- c) **COUNTY FOREST ROADS**  
Vilas County may authorize the operation of *ATV/UTV Vehicles on County Forest Roads*

ATV/UTV Routes on County Forest Roads shall be processed through the Committee. Any use of County forest property will require a land use agreement or amendment of current land use agreements and approval by the Committee.

Once the land use agreement is approved, the Committee will process a resolution for amendment of the Chapter to the Vilas County Board of Supervisors for approval

- i) **APPROVED COUNTY FOREST  
ROAD ATV/UTV ROUTES**

- (1) Deep Lake Road

- (a) a nine tenths (0.9) mile segment of County Forest road known as Deep Lake Road, from the intersection of Croker Road in the Town

of Lincoln, traveling west to the Town of Conover segment of Deep Lake Road, Vilas County, Wisconsin. This route also includes that segment of Deep Lake Road that has not been authorized as a County Forest Road

- (b) a one and nine tenths (1.9) mile segment of County Forest road known as Pioneer Creek Trail, from the intersection of County Highway K traveling south and east to the junction of the existing trail, Town of Conover, Vilas County, Wisconsin.

- (2) Mathwig Road

- (a) a one and one tenth (1.1) mile segment of County Forest road known as Mathwig Road, from the intersection of Buckatabon Creek Trail traveling south to the Town of Conover segment of Mathwig Road, Vilas County, Wisconsin.

- (3) Buckatabon Creek Trail

- (a) an eight tenths (0.8) mile segment of County Forest road known as Buckatabon Creek Trail, from the intersection of East Buckatabon Road traveling east to the intersection of the County owned segment of Mathwig Road, Town of Conover, Vilas County, Wisconsin.

- (4) Heart Lake Road

- (a) a two and one tenth (2.1) mile segment of Heart Lake Road from the intersection of CTH S traveling east to the Town of Conover segment of Heart Lake

Road, Vilas County,  
Wisconsin.

- (5) Pincherry Lake Road  
(a) a three and six tenths (3.6) mile segment of County Forest Road known as Pincherry Lake Road, from the intersection of CTH G traveling southeast to the intersection with Mud Minnow Lake Fire Lane, Town of Cloverland, Vilas County, Wisconsin.
- (6) Mud Minnow Lake Fire Lane  
(a) a one and seven tenths (1.7) mile segment of County Forest Road known as Mud Minnow Lake Fire Lane from the intersection of Pincherry Lake Road traveling northeast to intersection with existing snowmobile trail, one tenth (0.1) mile south of intersection with CTH G, Town of Cloverland, Vilas County, Wisconsin.
- (7) Snipe Lake Fire Lane  
(a) a one and three tenths (1.3) mile segment of County Forest Road known as Snipe Lake Fire Lane from the intersection with Birchwood Drive traveling east to the intersection with Ewald Lake Road, Town of Cloverland, Vilas County, Wisconsin.  
(b) a three and five tenths (3.5) mile segment of County Forest Road known as Snipe Lake Fire lane from the intersection of Wilderness Road traveling west to the intersection of Ewald Lake Road, Town of Cloverland, Vilas County, Wisconsin.  
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- (8) Ewald Lake Road  
(a) a one and one tenth (1.1) mile segment of County Forest Road known as Ewald Lake Road from the intersection with Snipe Lake Fire Lane traveling northeast to the intersection with Pincherry Lake Road, Town of Cloverland, Vilas County, Wisconsin.
- (9) Katie Lake Fire Lane  
(a) a four and one tenth (4.1) mile segment of County Forest Road known as Katie Lake Fire Lane from the intersection of CTH G traveling east to the intersection with West Road, Town of Cloverland, Vilas County, Wisconsin.  
(b) Wood Duck Lake Road  
(c) a four and three tenths (4.3) mile segment of County Forest Road known as Wood Duck Lake Road from the intersection of Wilderness Road traveling west to the intersection of the Snipe Lake Fire Lane, Town of Cloverland, Vilas County, Wisconsin.

c) Routes on Other Roads

- (1) Gravel Pit Road, a 0.53 mile segment of County-owned road which passes across tax identification numbers #24-1312 & 24-1313, intersecting Birchwood Drive, Town of St. Germain, Vilas County, Wisconsin.

4) ATV/UTV ROUTES ON TOWN ROADWAYS-

Vilas County Townships may authorize the operation of ATV/UTV Vehicles on Town Roads. Route designation is an

independent Town decision approved by a Town Resolution.

**i) Towns with actions to Authorize Town Roads for ATV/UTV Use Unless Otherwise Posted as Per Town Action**

**City of Eagle River**

Refer to Appendix 3A- ARTICLE VIII.- ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE TRAILS AND ROUTES, Sec. 86-321

All municipal roads, alleyways and transportation corridors within the city are designated as ATV/UTV routes/trails except the following:

- (1) Cannot cross the intersection at Sundstein and State Highway 70.
- (2) Pleasure Island Road one way segment from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on school days.
- (3) Designated Bike Trail on Railroad Street South from STH 70 to Fern St and the entire railroad grade from Fern St South to city limits.
- (4) Forrest Street from Division Street to STH 70.
- (5) Off road access to the Golf Course off McKinley.
- (6) Designated Bike Trail from Maple Street to Sheridan Street running parallel with Silver Lake Road.
- (7) Designated Bike Trail through the leased parking lots behind computer number 221-1020 (5-1) legally described as Section 33 Town 40 Range 10 PRT NE NW EXC 470-

643 behind the Historic Train Depot and the municipal parking lot directly to south of Wall Street.

(8) Michigan Street from Illinois Street north to Mill Street.

(9) Any other streets, roadways, alleyways and transportation segments as designated with a no ATV/UTV signage as determined by the police chief, public works foreman or common council.

**Town of Conover**

Refer to Appendix 3B- Ordinance 133-19, Chapter 7- Traffic Code Amended- Town of Conover, State of Wisconsin, Vilas County

All Town of Conover roads are open as ATV/UTV unless posted with the exception of any road unsuitable at the discretion of the Town Board

**Town of Cloverland**

Refer to Appendix 3C- Ordinance #24.1a, ATV/UTV Route Ordinance for Town of Cloverland, Vilas County, Wisconsin

All Town of Cloverland roads are designated and signed as ATV/UTV routes.

**Town of Washington**

Refer to Appendix 3D- Town of Washington Code of Ordinances Chapter 2- All Terrain Vehicle Route Ordinance- Revised December 4, 2017

All Town of Washington roads may be used fro ATV/UTV routes apart from any road unsuitable at the discretion of the Town Board.

**Town of Lincoln**

Refer to Appendix 3E- Ordinance  
No. 2015-01 ATV/UTV Route  
Ordinance for Town of Lincoln,  
Vilas County, Wisconsin

All town of Lincoln roads are  
designated and signed as ATV/UTV  
routes.

**Town of Land O' Lakes**

Refer to Appendix 3F- Town of  
Land O' Lakes All-Terrain Vehicle  
(And Utility Terrain Vehicle Route  
& Trail Ordinance #2017-4

All Town of Land O' Lakes roads  
may be used for all-terrain vehicle  
(and utility terrain vehicles) usage,  
with the exception of any road or  
road segment deemed unsuitable at  
the discretion of the Land O' lakes  
Town Board

**Town of Phelps**

Refer to Appendix 3G- Ordinance  
2016-3, Amended 07/08/2020,  
ATV/UTV/Equestrian Trails and  
Routes

All Town of Phelps roads may be  
used for ATV/UTV usage, with the  
exception of any road or road  
segment deemed unsuitable at the  
discretion of the Phelps Town Board.

All ATV/UTV trails/routes shall be  
open from May 1- October 31,  
unless otherwise posted or until  
Vilas County creates a county wide  
season.

Travel on Millerville Ln, Big Sand  
Lake Boat Landing Rd, and Grosser  
Ln is Permitted outside of those  
dates to access a lake for ice fishing.

**Town of Winchester**

Refer to Appendix 3H- Ordinance  
#2021-02 ATV/UTV Routes, Town  
of Winchester, Vilas County,  
Wisconsin

For towns of Cloverland, Conover,  
City of Eagle River, Phelps, Lincoln  
and Washington no ordinances were  
provided, please contact the Town  
offices for additional information.

**Town Roads Authorized for  
ATV/UTV Use Only Between May  
1<sup>st</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup> Unless  
Otherwise Posted as Per Town  
Actions**

**Town of St. Germain**

Refer to Appendix 3I- Chapter 30-  
ATV/UTV Route Ordinance- Re-  
adopted without revisions August 19,  
2019

30.04 OPERATION OF ALL  
TERRAIN VEHICLES AND  
UTILITY TERRIAN VEHICLES:  
Pursuant to s. 23.33 (4) (d) 4, Wis.  
Stats., except as otherwise provided  
in s. 23.33 (4), Wis. Stats., no person  
may operate an ATV/UTV on the  
roadway portion of any highway in  
the town except  
on roadways that are designated as  
ATV/UTV routes by this ordinance.  
Operation of ATV/UTV on a  
roadway in the town that is an  
ATV/UTV route is authorized only  
for the extreme right side of the



roadway except that left turns may be made from any part of the roadway that is safe given prevailing conditions. **All ATV/UTV routes and trails are open from May 1st to October 31st.**

30.05 DESIGNATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE AND UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLES ROUTES AND TRAILS: **All town roads are designated as ATV/UTV routes.** ATV/UTVs are not allowed on any other Town property except for parking lots and designated trails. ATV/UTVs are not allowed to ride in the right-of-way of town roads except for the south side of Kurtzwell Road in the Town of St. Germain.

**Town of Arbor Vitae**

Refer to Appendix 3JA- Amendment of Ordinance #306-3- Designation of All-Terrain Vehicle Routes

“All town roads will be open to All-terrain Vehicles unless otherwise posted.”

**ii) No Town Roads Authorized for ATV/UTV Use**

Town of Manitowish Waters  
Town of Presque Isle  
Town of Boulder Junction  
Town of Plum Lake  
Town of Lac du Flambeau

These Towns do not authorize ATV/UTV Use on any Town Roadways, please contact the Town offices for additional information.

- d) ***MAINTENANCE OF OFFICIAL MAPS AND AGREEMENTS.*** The Department will maintain official maps and resolutions for approved routes which meet the requirement of the Chapter.

**26.07 SNOWMOBILE TRAILS AND ROUTES**

**1) EXCEPTIONS ON RESERVATION LANDS.**

- a) No sections of 26.07 may be enforceable for Tribal members operating any snowmobile within the Reservation. On the reservation, Tribal members are only subject to penalties as identified in Tribal rules, laws and ordinances and Federal law. People that are not Tribal members may be subject to penalties as identified by Tribal ordinances, Federal law and the Chapter as determined by the appropriate officials

**2) OFFICIAL SNOWMOBILE TRAILS.**  
**STATE FUNDED SNOWMOBILE TRAILS**

- a) **GRANT FUNDING.** The Department will sponsor grant funding upon request and will assist trail clubs with grant applications related to establishment and maintenance of official Snowmobile trails. Official trails must meet specifications for State funding as identified in grant requirements. Grant funding may include but not be limited to State and Federal grant programs.

**b) AGREEMENTS REQUIRED.**

- i) ***LAND USE AGREEMENTS REQUIRED.*** Prior to acceptance as an official Snowmobile trail or route and prior to County assistance with grant funding, trails on Vilas County Lands, State Lands, Federal Lands and within the Reservation shall be authorized by appropriate agency through a land use agreement with the operating club for such use. If

- the trail is proposed to be situated on County highway right-of-way, land use agreements shall be in cooperation with and the approval of the Vilas County Highway Committee. All trail designations on County lands shall be consistent with the Vilas County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Standard County Land Use Agreements can be found in Appendix 2A. Other agencies have their independent requirements for land use agreements and processing requirements.
- ii) **EASEMENTS** All Snowmobile trails shall have a written easement, verbal easement or land use agreement between the operating trail club and the landowner or managing agency All easements must be reviewed and approved the landowner either as a written agreement or verified verbally. Easements shall be certified by the operating trail club annually in the trail maintenance agreement.
- i) **TRAIL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT.** Trail clubs shall maintain an annual maintenance agreement with Vilas County. Annual. maintenance agreements shall define the managing trail club as “the operator” of the trail segments. All maintenance agreements will include a requirement for liability insurance provided by the managing Trail club, naming Vilas County as an additional insured. Any and all trail maintenance agreements must be approved by the Committee with signature of the Committee Chair. Standard Snowmobile Operations and Maintenance Agreements can be found in Appendix 2B.
- c) **LIABILITY.** Annual maintenance agreements shall list parcel identification numbers for all lands. this requirement will provide protections to the landowners under Wisconsin Recreation Laws. All land parcel identification numbers shall also be designated by the operating trail club under their annual liability insurance policy to protect landowners. Trails sponsored by Vilas County in grant application shall also have Vilas County named as additional insured with a certificate filed and maintained by the Department.
- d) **MAINTENANCE OF OFFICIAL MAPS AND AGREEMENTS** The department will maintain official maps and agreements for State Funded Snowmobile trails which meet the requirement of the Chapter.
- e) **PLANNED TRAIL SEASON.** December 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup> of any year, depending upon weather, trail conditions and Committee consideration of Wisconsin Deer Hunting safety issues. Actual trail season will be determined by official opening and closing announcements based upon adequate trail operating and environmental conditions as determined by Trail Clubs, the Vilas County Snowmobile Alliance and the Department.
- f) **TRAIL MAINTENANCE SEASON FOR SHARED USE TRAILS.** Snowmobile Clubs that share trails with other users shall complete maintenance and rehabilitation on shared trails between November 16<sup>th</sup> of any year and April 14<sup>th</sup> of the following year, depending upon weather and trail conditions. Trail maintenance activity is subject to coordination of the landowner and or land manager for all lands crossed. Maintenance of shared use trails outside of the defined season shall

be coordinated by direct contact with the trail clubs that share the particular trail prior to any on-trail activity.

- g) **. TURNOVER FOR SHARED USE TRAILS.** All Snowmobile clubs that share trails with ATV/UTV Clubs shall attend mandatory turnover meetings between ATV/UTV and Snowmobile Clubs on the third Tuesday in April and the Second Tuesday in November of each year. These mandatory meetings will focus on issues that need to be resolved prior to turnover of the trails to the other user groups. Official turnover date of shared use trail segments shall be determined by consensus of the trail clubs in attendance. Any conflict arising from shared trail use will be resolved through action of the Committee.
- h) **TRAIL OPENING.** Trail opening prior to completion of annual Deer Hunts will require Committee approval for each specific year. Authorization will be made by Vilas County any time after December 1<sup>st</sup> of any year, to sanction use of Snowmobile trails within the county upon receipt of certification forms from trail clubs and confirmation of a vote of the Vilas County Snowmobile Alliance that safe and maintainable trail conditions exist. The Committee will approve opening dates following inspections by the department to confirm the certifications and ensure that environmental conditions allow sustainable operation of the trails. Trail opening will be completed with approval of the Committee and provision of a Public Service Announcement by the Department through local media outlets to sanction trail opening on specific dates and at a certain time.
- i) **TRAIL CLOSURE.** Authorization will be made by Vilas County to sanction closure of Snowmobile trails within the county upon confirmation of a vote of the Vilas County Snowmobile Alliance

that trail conditions are deteriorating resulting in unsafe and unmaintainable trail surfaces or upon reaching March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, whichever is earlier. Closure of trail segments or trail sections may be completed by the Committee from inspections which identify safety issues, conflicting uses which provide for unsafe operation of the trail or for environmental and resource degradation resulting from trail operation or inadequate trail maintenance. Trail closures will be completed with approval of the Committee and provision of a Public Service Announcement by the Department through local media outlets to sanction closing of trails on a specific date and at a certain time.

- 2) **CLUB FUNDED TRAILS.** Trails that do not meet specification to be state funded can be operated and maintained with private club funding. Vilas County does not sponsor or provide funding for Club trails. It is recommended that the club operating a club funded trail should maintain both easements and liability policies which protect landowners in all cases.
- 3) **SNOWMOBILE TRAILS AND ROUTES WITHIN THE RESERVATION BOUNDARY-** Under a land use agreement dated December 2, 2020 and effective until December 4, 2030, between the Tribe and the Northern Hornshoe Snowmobile Club the following snowmobile trails are allowed on the Reservation: (see addendum 5- Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Vilas County Snowmobile Trail Land Use Property Listing 11/4/2020)
- 4) **SNOWMOBILE ROUTES-** Snowmobile trail clubs and other interested parties can request the use of roadways, roadway shoulders and rights-of-way from the County, Towns and the State of Wisconsin depending limitations of roadways. The Department shall be the agency for maintenance of official Snowmobile route

maps which meet the requirement of the Chapter.

a) **SNOWMOBILE ROUTES ON**

**COUNTY ROADWAYS-** Snowmobile trail clubs can request the use of roadways from the County depending upon road conditions and speed limits. An established Snowmobile club must request the route use through the Department. Any use of County property, including use of rights of way or travel on the paved surface will require a land use agreement approved by the appropriate Committee of jurisdiction. Land Use agreements will be drafted and presented by the Department and processed through the appropriate County Committees. Under the land use agreement, the operating Snowmobile club shall provide for insurance coverage and maintenance as may be required by the Committee of jurisdiction.

b) **COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAYS**

Snowmobiles may operate on all Vilas County Trunk Highway Right-of-Ways and shoulders to provide access between a residence or place of domicile and any officially established snowmobile trails.

Vilas County may authorize the operation of Snowmobiles on County Trunk Highways.

Snowmobile Routes on County trunk highways shall be processed through the Forestry, Recreation and Land with cooperation of the Highway Committee. Any use of County highway property will require a land use agreement or amendment of current land use agreements and approval by the Highway Committee.

Once the land use agreement is approved, the Committee will process a

resolution for amendment of the Chapter to the Vilas County Board of Supervisors for approval.

**i) APPROVED COUNTY TRUNK  
HIGHWAY SNOWMOBILE  
ROUTES ON RIGHTS OF WAY.**

Operation of snowmobiles are authorized on the following County Highway Rights-of-Way and land use permits will be in place (Appendix 3- Land Use Permits):

- (1) County M from Cty K South to Marsh Rd- appx. 2,550 ft.
- (2) County M from Cty K North to High Fish Trap Lk. Rd- appx. 4,560 ft.
- (3) County K from Hwy 45 West to Burnt Bridge- appx. 20,040 feet
- (4) County K from Muskrat Creek Rd. east appx. 2,230 feet crossing Pioneer Creek
- (5) County G, 4 segments between Pickerel Lake Rd and Katie Lake Game Trail- appx. 2,900 feet
- (6) County D, 2 segments between Pokegama Lake Trail and Raven Lake Rd.- appx. 2,460 feet
- (7) County F, 3 segments between Hwy. 47 and Paradise Bay Lane- appx. 6,800 feet
- (8) County E from Hwy. 45 east 5,900 feet to a trail intersection going north
- (9) County B from Hwy. 45 west 1,830 feet to Oak Street
- (10) County B from Carlson Road west 6,300 feet to a diverging trail
- (11) County E from Papoose Creek Bridge East 1,900 feet to a diverging trail

- (12) County W from Manitowish River Bridge South 2,000 feet to a diverging trail
- (13) County E, 2 segments between Highway 17 and County K- approx. 950 feet
- (14) County B, 4 segments starting from 1,800 feet East of Intersection with County M and extending 39,900 feet West to a point 1,800 feet west of E. Amour Rd.
- (15) County W from Riverside Rd. East 24,000 feet to E. Birch Lake Rd.

c) **COUNTY FOREST ROADS**

Vilas County may authorize the operation of Snowmobiles on County Forest Roads

Snowmobile Routes on County Forest Roads shall be processed through the Forestry, Recreation and Land Committee. Any use of County forest property will require a land use agreement or amendment of current land use agreements and approval by the Committee.

Once the land use agreement is approved, the Committee will process a resolution for amendment of the Chapter to the Vilas County Board of Supervisors for approval

**i) APPROVED COUNTY FOREST ROADS** Operation of snowmobiles are authorized on the following County Forest Roads and land use permits will be in place (Appendix 3- Land Use Permits):

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- (1) Deep Lake Road
  - (a) a nine tenths (0.9) mile segment of County Forest road known as Deep Lake

Road, from the intersection of Croker Road in the Town of Lincoln, traveling west to the Town of Conover segment of Deep Lake Road, Vilas County, Wisconsin.

(2) Mathwig Road

- (a) a one and one tenth (1.1) mile segment of County Forest road known as Mathwig Road, from the intersection of Buckatabon Creek Trail traveling south to the Town of Conover segment of Mathwig Road, Vilas County, Wisconsin.

(3) Buckatabon Creek Trail

- (a) an eight tenths (0.8) mile segment of County Forest road known as Buckatabon Creek Trail, from the intersection of East Buckatabon Road traveling east to the intersection of the County owned segment of Mathwig Road, Town of Conover, Vilas County, Wisconsin.

(4) Heart Lake Road

- (a) a two and one tenth (2.1) mile segment of Heart Lake Road from the intersection of CTH S traveling east to the Town of Conover segment of Heart Lake Road, Vilas County, Wisconsin.

(5) Pincherry Lake Road

- (a) a three and six tenths (3.6) mile segment of County Forest Road known as Pincherry Lake Road, from the intersection of CTH G traveling southeast to the intersection with Mud Minnow Lake Fire Lane,



- Town of Cloverland, Vilas County, Wisconsin.
- (6) Mud Minnow Lake Fire Lane
- (a) a one and seven tenths (1.7) mile segment of County Forest Road known as Mud Minnow Lake Fire Lane from the intersection of Pincherry Lake Road traveling northeast to intersection with existing snowmobile trail, one tenth (0.1) mile south of intersection with CTH G, Town of Cloverland, Vilas County, Wisconsin.
- (7) Snipe Lake Fire Lane
- (a) a one and three tenths (1.3) mile segment of County Forest Road known as Snipe Lake Fire Lane from the intersection with Birchwood Drive traveling east to the intersection with Ewald Lake Road, Town of Cloverland, Vilas County, Wisconsin.
- (8) Ewald Lake Road
- (a) a one and one tenth (1.1) mile segment of County Forest Road known as Ewald Lake Road from the intersection with Snipe Lake Fire Lane traveling northeast to the intersection with Pincherry Lake Road, Town of Cloverland, Vilas County, Wisconsin.
- (9) Katie Lake Fire Lane
- (a) a four and one tenth (4.1) mile segment of County Forest Road known as Katie Lake Fire Lane from the intersection of CTH G traveling east to the intersection with West Road, Town of Cloverland, Vilas County, Wisconsin.

c) Routes on Other Roads

- (1) Gravel Pit Road, a 0.53 mile segment of County-owned road which passes across tax identification numbers #24-1312 & 24-1313, intersecting Birchwood Drive, Town of St. Germain, Vilas County, Wisconsin.

5) **SNOWMOBILE ACCESS AND ROUTES ON TOWN ROADWAYS-**

Vilas County Townships may authorize the operation of Snowmobiles on Town Roads. Access and Route designation is an independent Town decision approved by a Town Resolution.

a) **Snowmobile Access for Residents and Lodging on Town Roads**

The intent of these local ordinances are to provide a means for persons to travel on Town roadways or roadway shoulders from a residence or lodging establishment via the shortest distance to access a snowmobile trail or route. The following identifies municipality action and for access in the municipality.

**City of Eagle River**

Refer to Appendix 3A- Need ordinance

**Town of Conover**

Refer to Appendix 3B- No. 096-1 Snowmobile Access Ordinance 7.04(a)

“all roadways or shoulders except Highway 45, County Highway K and County Highway S”

**Town of Cloverland**

Refer to Appendix 3C- Snowmobile Access- Ordinance 10.01, Town of Cloverland

“This ordinance designates the (all?)  
roadways and/or shoulders of  
highways for snowmobile travel”

**Ordinance provides regulation but  
does not designate roads as  
required- recommend amendment  
to ordinance**

#### **Town of Washington**

Refer to Appendix 3D- Chapter 4  
Snowmobile Access Ordinance

“Residents of the town and their guests  
and registered guests of lodging  
establishments in the town are  
authorized to operate snowmobiles on  
roads within the town that are not  
designated as snowmobile routes for the  
sole purpose of accessing the  
snowmobile route or snowmobile trail  
nearest the resident’s residence or  
registered guest’s place of lodging by  
way of the shortest available route to the  
nearest snowmobile route or trail.”

#### **Town of Lincoln**

Refer to Appendix 3E- Town of  
Lincoln, Snowmobile Access  
Ordinance 98.05

“All roadways or shoulders in the  
Town of Lincoln are designated as  
snowmobile access routes except the  
following:

1. Any roadways designated as  
“snowmobile routes” by the  
Town of Lincoln under ordinance  
89-03.
2. U.S. Hwy. 45 North and south,  
State Hwys. 70 and 17 and  
County Hwy G.”

#### **Town of Land O’ Lakes**

Refer to Appendix 3F- Town of  
Land O’ Lakes, Snowmobile Access  
Ordinance #96-1

“Persons shall for the purpose of this  
ordinance use all roadways within  
the Town of Land O’ Lakes with the  
exception of US Highway 45.”

#### **Town of Phelps**

Refer to Appendix 3G- Ordinance  
96.6, Allowing Snowmobile Access  
from a Residence or Lodging  
Establishment to a snowmobile  
Route or Trail

“This ordinance designates all  
highways, roadways, streets and  
alleys and/or shoulders thereof,  
located in the Township of Phelps, as  
specific highways for snowmobile  
travel by persons residing in or  
staying at a lodging establishment  
within the limits of the Town of  
Phelps, Vilas County, Wisconsin”

#### **Town of Winchester**

Refer to Appendix 3H- Town of  
Winchester, Snowmobile Ordinance,  
Ordinance 2-99

**Ordinance provides regulation but  
does not designate roads as  
required**

#### **Town of St. Germain**

Refer to Appendix 3I- St. Germain  
Snowmobile Access Ordinance #10-  
96-2

“This ordinance designates the(all?) roadways and/or shoulders of highways for snowmobile travel by persons residing in or staying at lodging establishments within the limits of the Town of St. Germain, Vilas County, Wisconsin”

**Ordinance provides regulation but does not designate roads as required- recommend amendment to ordinance**

**Town of Arbor Vitae**

Refer to Appendix 3J- Town of Arbor Vitae, Ordinance #3-02, snowmobile Access

“3.A. All towns roadways or shoulders of such roadways not designated as snowmobile trail routes with the exception of State Highways.”

**Town of Manitowish Waters**

Refer to Appendix 3K- Chapter 331, Vehicles and Traffic (Adopted by the Town Board of Town of Manitowish Waters as Ch. 7 of 2001 Code.)

F.(2) “The provisions of this subsection F shall apply to all Town roads that have been designated and marked pursuant to orders to the Town Board for use by snowmobiles. A list of such roads has been filed with the Department of Natural Resources pursuant to Stats 350.047. **The only road not to be used for snowmobiling in the Town shall be Tower Road**”

**Town of Presque Isle**

Refer to Appendix 3L- Town of Presque Isle Subchapter 504, Snowmobiles 504.03.Local Ordinance (2)

“Local Snowmobile Access Roads”

“All Town roads not designated as snowmobile routes”

**County Highway P** from Crab Lake Road north to the snowmobile trail spur just north of Katinka Lake Road”

**Question authority to designate county and state highways? - recommend amendment to ordinance**

**Town of Boulder Junction**  
No snowmobile access ordinance?

**Town of Plum Lake**

Refer to Appendix 3N Town of Plum Lake Ordinance 97-1 Snowmobile Access

**Ordinance provides regulation but does not designate roads as required- recommend amendment to ordinance**

**Town of Lac du Flambeau**

Refer to Appendix 3O- Ordinance 96-01, Ordinance Regulating Snowmobile Access- Town of Lac du Flambeau

“A. All Town Roadways or shoulders of such roadways not

designated as snowmobile trail routes.

**B. County Trunk Highways D, F and H**

**C. State Trunk Highway 47**

**D. State Trunk Highway 70**

**Question authority to designate county and state highways? - recommend amendment to ordinance**

b) **SPECIFIC TOWN ROADS OPEN TO SNOWMOBILES BY TOWN ORDINANCE FROM OPENING OF PUBLIC USE SNOWMOBILE TRAIL SYSTEM TO CLOSE OF SEASON EACH YEAR**

**Town of Washington**

Refer to Appendix 3D- Chapter 4 Snowmobile Route Ordinance

The Town of Washington has authorized the operation of Snowmobiles on the following routes in the town:

- Deerview Lane
- Columbus Rd. from Shangri La Rd, West approximately ½ mile
- Shangri La Rd from Columbus Rd, east approximately ½ mile to Hwy 17
- Shangri La Rd from trail intersection, west approximately 0.1 mile to Hwy 17
- North Military Rd from Hwy 70, north ¼ mile
- South Anvil Lake Rd.
- Bald Eagle Ln from South Anvil Lake Rd, south approximately 300 ft. from Hwy 70
- East Anvil Lake Rd from fire numbers 1941/1943 south to

approximately 300 ft. from Hwy 70

- Town Line Rd from Hwy 70 south to Twelve Pines
- East Dollar Lake Rd from Chanticleer Inn entrance, west to the Town boundary line
- Eagle Lake Boat Landing from Eagle Lake, north to Chain O' Lakes Rd
- Chain O' Lakes Rd from Hwy 45, east to Wild Eagle Lodge
- Town Hall Rd from ¼ mile north of Chain O' Lakes Rd, north to approximately 150 ft. from Deerskin Rd intersection
- Eagle Waters Rd. from Eagle Waters Resort to Golf View Rd.
- Scattering Rice Lake Rd from Eagle Waters Rd to Rangeline Rd.
- West Carpenter Lake Rd from Grandpa Graham Trail south to Hwy 70
- Golf View Rd from Lake Forest Resort to Eagle Waters Rd
- Nine Mile Rd from intersection of FR 2437, east to Military Rd.
- Military Rd from the intersection of Nine Mile Rd, south ¼ mile to the intersection of the Three Lakes snowmobile trail.

**Town of Lincoln**

Refer to Appendix 3E- Town of Lincoln Ordinance No. 89-03, Snowmobile Ordinance

“1. That the following streets or roads are designated as snowmobile access routes:

- A. Adams Road- From County Highway G South 500 feet.

- B. Croker Road- From Croker Lane to Deep Lake Road.
- C. Bloom Road- From the first crossing of Mud Creek to the driveway at Fire #537.
- D. Bloom Road- From Trail #10 to Wall Street
- E. Overlook Drive- From Highway 70 East 200 feet.
- F. Spruce Land- Fromm Bloom Road to Highway 45 South.
- G. Willow Road- From Loon Lake Road to the junction with Trail #13 S.
- H. Pine Lane- From Bloom Road to Taylor lake Road.
- I. Taylor Lake Road- From Highway 70 to turn off to Braywood Motel”

“Amendment #3

- A. Wall Street from the intersection with Bloom Road to Capich Drive”

“Amendment #4

- A. Catfish Lake Road from the Snowmobile trail on Highway 70 East, approximately 900 feet, the the South end of the parking lot at the Pasta Cottage”

“Amendment #5

- 1. From a point located 65 years South of County Tru k Highway G to a point 10 yards South of Dyer Farm Road, being a total of approximately 275 yards”
- 2. From the Eagle River city Limits running South to a point located 125 feet South of the South end of the driveway to the Lincoln Community Center”

“Amendment #6

- 1. Adams Road- From a point 10 yards South of Dyer Farm Road to County Highway G.
- 2. Braywood Lane- From Catfish lake Road to the shore of Catfish Lake, being the entire road.”

“Amendment #7

- 1. White Pine Drive- From Wall Street to Shooters Bar at #1295 White Pine Drive.”

“Amendment #8

- 1. Sundstein Road- From a point located 125 feet South of the South end of the driveway to the Lincoln Community Center running South approximately 1.6 miles to the Southeast corner of the NW ¼ SW ¼ of Section 4, Township 39 North, Range 10 East.

Sundstein Road- From the intersection with Highway 17 South running Easterly approximately 0.5 miles to the Southwest corner of NW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 8, Township 39 North, Range 10 East”

“ Amendment #9

Adams Road- From the intersection with County Trunk Highway G running Northerly approximately 2.02 miles to the Notherly terminus of Adams Rd.”

“Amendment #10

Bloom Road- From the intersection with Spruce Lane running North to the intersection with Pine Lane.”



**Town of Land O' Lakes**

Refer to Appendix 3F- Town of  
Land O' Lakes, Snowmobile Vehicle  
Route Ordinance #2008-2

"The following routes are designated  
snowmobile routes in the town:

- Wood Lake Road to Forest  
Lake Road to Old B to Indian  
Lake Road to Tower Lake  
Road to Nine Web
- Thousand Island Lake Rd-  
County B to the Michigan  
border
- Spring Creek Rd- County B  
to County B
- South Crystal Lake Road-  
Crystal Lake Road to Fire  
#3796
- Oak Street from Bell-Air  
Motel to Citgo gas station
- Forest Road- big Portage lake  
Rd to Carlson Rd
- Helen Creek Rd off Cty B to  
Bents Camp
- Little Portage Lake Rd from  
Firest No. 6248 to 6171 Little  
Portage lake Rd
- Clair Fire Rd- County S to  
Marshall Lake Rd.
- Indian Lake Rd from White  
spruce Fire Lane to White  
Squaw Lake Rd."

**Town of Phelps**

Refer to Appendix 3G- 97-1,  
Snowmobile Ordinance, Town of  
Phelps

"Now, therefore, the Town Board of  
the Town of Phelps, Vilas County,  
Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

1. That the following streets or roads  
are designated as snowmobile  
access routes
  - Pillsbury Lane (.02 miles)
  - Schroeder from Pillsbury  
to Pauer Line (FR2573)  
(.05 miles)
  - St. Louis From (FR2533  
to Deerskin) (.8 miles)
  - Deerskin from St. Louis to  
Joseph Wisniewski  
Residence (.2 miles)
  - Deerskin From End of  
Trail to Northern  
Exposure (.4 miles)
  - Tower Road From  
Highway 17 to Cemetery  
Entrance (.5 miles)
  - Davies Road from Bill  
Davies Driveway to  
Shooting Range Road (.5  
miles)
  - Gravel Pit Road Between  
the Two Trail Entrances  
(.8 miles)
  - Big Sand Lake Road  
Between the Airport and  
TR-12-36 (.1 miles)
2. No other Town roads shall be  
used as snowmobile routes.

**Town of Winchester**

Refer to Appendix 3H- Town of  
Winchester, Snowmobile Ordinance,  
Ordinance 2-99

**Ordinance provides regulation but  
does not designate roads as  
required**

**Town of St. Germain**

Refer to Appendix 3I- St. Germain,  
Ordinance No S-2, An Ordinance to  
Regulate Snowmobiling Upon the  
Town Roads of St. Germain  
Township, Vilas County, Wisconsin

“The provisions of this ordinance  
shall apply to all Town Roads in the  
Town of St. Germain that have been  
designated and marked pursuant to  
orders of the Town Board of St.  
Germain for Use by snowmobiles. A  
list of the said roads have been filed  
with the Department of Natural  
Resources, State of Wisconsin,  
pursuant to Section 350.047  
Wisconsin Statutes.”

Listing includes:

- Big St. Germain Drive from Hwy 155, 2.4 miles
- Birch Spring Drive, entire length of road (2.3 miles)
- Birchwood Drive, .9 mile between Snipe Lake & Idle Hours Drive
- Birchwood, From Hwy 155 to Tobin Lang Road
- Border Creek Road, from Hwy 70 W 1.4 miles
- Dead Mans Gulch Road, From Hwy 155 2.4 miles
- Dogwood Drive, Entire length of road
- Found Lake Road, From Lost Lake Dr. South to Little Bass Lake Road
- Hermanson Road, 01 mil of road beginning .8 miles from Hwy C
- Kurtzweil Road, From Hwy 155 .1 mile to Plum Creek Ave.
- Lake Content Drive, from Hwy 70 W- 0.1 mile
- Lake Content Drive, From Hwy 70 0.1 mile
- Little Bass Lake Road, From Found Lake Road, 0.3 mile
- Lollycoogan Lane, Hwy 155 to county C
- Lost Creek Road, From Big St. Germain Drive, 0.2 mile
- Lost Lake Drive North, From Birch Springs Dr. 0.9 mile to Fire #8003 (Doorway)
- Lost Lake Drive South, Southern Hwy 155 access. 0.3 miles to Fire #8120 (Murmuring Waters)
- Maplewood Drive, starting 0.2 miles in from Hwy 155 and continuing 0.1 miles
- Muskellunge Creek Road, entire length of road (1.9 miles)
- Normandy Court Road, From Hwy 70W to South Shore Dr. 0.5 miles
- Old Hwy 70 Road, Hwy 70 E. 0.8 miles to Birchwood Dr.
- Old Hwy C, From County HWY C, 0.2 miles
- Peducort Road, From Hwy. 155, 0.9 mile
- Plum Creek Ave, From Kurtzweil Road, 0.4 mile
- School Road, From Hwy 155, appx. 100 ft
- Shields Road, entire length of road (2 miles)

- Sixteen Road, From Big St. Germain Dr., 1.2 miles
- South Shore Drive, Normandy Court to Fire #1537, appx. 50 yds.
- Tobin Lange Road, from Birchwood Drive, 0.2 miles

### **Town of Arbor Vitae**

Refer to Appendix 3J- Arbor Vitae Action Identifying Snowmobile Routes

Snowmobile operation and trail routes are authorized on the following roadways:

- Airport Road, All from Hwy 51 west to Towanda Road.
- Arnett Rd., All
- Arrowhead Drive, one block from Lake trail to trail going east.
- Big Arbor Vitae Drive, all of road until such a time as the lake is safe to be traveled. After the lake is frozen the travel area will be from Arbor Vitae Trailer Resort west to the Town property west of the Johnson property. Also from the Big Arbor Vitae road west to the junction of trail along Hwy 70.
- Buckhorn Road, Ingress and Egress to Vandercook Road.
- Country Lane, East from Arnett Rd. to Woodruff/Oneida County Line.
- Day lake Road, From Hwy 51 to the Boulder Junction town line.
- Hall Road, From the northeastern Airport property west and south to Mattke Rd.
- Lemma Creek Road, From Hwy 51 to exit at Brandy Park (west side)
- Mattke Rd., All
- North Farming Road, From Hwy 51 west to the junction with Schuman Road and Old 51 road bed north to Schuman Road junction
- Schuman Road, From Schuman Road and North Farming Road junction approximately on block to trail exit
- Swenson Road, From Lemma creek Rd. to the entrance of Culver's Restaurant.
- Terry Drive, From Hwy 51 through Plantation subdivision to Wendy Drive.
- Towanda Drive, From Airport Road north to exit at power lines.
- Vandercook Road, All
- Walck Road, Eastern most one half block
- Wallace Road, From Brandy Amoco west to Brandy Park Trail at north end of Swenson Rd. (not Swenson Road)
- Wendy Drive, From Terry Drive to Hwy 70 East
- Little Arbor Vitae Drive, From Hwy 70 East to Little Arbor Vitae Resort

- Old Hwy 51, From Hwy 51 to Buckhorn Road.

**Town of Manitowish Waters**

Refer to Appendix 3K- Chapter 331, Vehicles and Traffic (Adopted by the Town Board of Town of Manitowish Waters as Ch. 7 of 2001 Code.)

F.(2) “The provisions of this subsection F shall apply to all Town roads that have been designated and marked pursuant to orders to the Town Board for use by snowmobiles. A list of such roads has been filed with the Department of Natural Resources pursuant to Stats 350.047. The only road not to be used for snowmobiling in the Town shall be Tower Road”

**Town of Presque Isle**

Refer to Appendix 3L- Town of Presque Isle Subchapter 504, Snowmobiles 504.03.Local Ordinance (1) Snowmobile Routes:

“The following town roads and highways within the township shall be designated and marked for snowmobile travel as snowmobile routes according to NR 50.10(3)1.c.  
Ktinnka Lake Road  
West Van Vliet Road

- Round Lake Road
- Bay View Road
- Crab Lake Road
- Kitten Lane
- Old W Road
- Papoose Landing Rd.
- Lower Papoose Lake Rd.
- Pomeroy Lake Road
- Wildcat Road

- Lynx lake Road
- South Crab Lake Rd
- Casper Road
- **County Highway P** from Crab Lake Road to Papoose Landing Road

**Question authority to designate county and state highways? - recommend amendment to ordinance**

**Town of Boulder Junction**

Refer to Appendix 1M- Town of Boulder Junction Ordinance 3-71, Ammendments

“1. That the following streets or roads are designated as snowmobile access routes:

- A. The south 200 feet of Ada Street
- B. B. That part of Eilo Street which liest between Ada Street and Blueberry Lane.
- C. That part of Blueberry Lane which lies north of Eilo Street.”

**Amendment #1**

- D. All of Harmony Point Road from Highway 51 to the end of the road.

**Amendment #2**

- E. That part of Rudolph Lake Road which liest in Section 26, Township 42 North, Range 6 East.
- F. That part of Streek Lake Road which lies in Section 26,

- Township 42 North, Range 6  
East
- G. That part of Old Highway 51  
which lies in Section 1,  
Township 41 North, Range 6  
East
- H. That part of North White Sand  
Lake Road which lies in Sections  
25,26,27, Township 42 North,  
Range 7 East
- I. That part of Nixon Lake Road  
which lies in Sections 24 and 25,  
Township 42 North, Range 7  
East.

Amendment #3

- J. All of Little Rice Lane

Amendment #4

- K. That part of Wool Lake Lane  
which liess between Peter  
Kable's driveway and the  
easement road leading ot the Ray  
Dehmer and John Henke  
property in Section 13, Township  
42 North, Range 6 East

Amendment #5

- L. That part of Wool Lake Lane  
which liess between Peter  
Kable's driveway and the  
easement driveway to Duane  
Horstman (formerly Ted Berch)  
property in Section 13,  
Township 42 North, Range 6  
East

Amendment #6

- M. That part of Oswego Fishtrap  
Road which extends from a point  
100 feet west of Ed Walter's  
north-south lot line in an easterly  
direction to the termination of  
said road and lying in an easterly  
direction to the termination of  
said road and lying in Sections 2  
and 11, Township 42 North,  
Range 7 East
- N. That portion of High Lake Road  
which extends from a point 200  
feet southwest of Partridge Lane  
in Section 3, Township 42 North,  
Range 7 East, to a point 100  
yards northeast of the  
intersection of High Lake Road  
and Ridge Lane in Section 2,  
Township 42 North, Range 7  
East.

Amendment #7

- O. All of Middle Gresham Lane,  
from Highway 51 to its  
termination at the David Sprister  
property, and lying in Section 4,  
Township 42 North, Range 6.  
East.

Amendment #8

- P. All of Boulder Lane, lying in  
Section 17, Township 42 North,  
Range 7 East.

Amendment #9

- Q. That part of Old 51 Road which  
lies west of Harry's Supermarket  
on Highway 51 to its junction  
with Town Line Rad. This  
portion of the rad forms the  
boundary between Sections 19  
and 30, Township 42 North,  
Range 6 East, and is



approximately 265 yards (795.3 feet) in length.

Amendment #10

- R. All of Big Muskellunge Lake Road which lies within the Town of Boulder Junction, from its origin at County Highway M in Section 20, Township 41 North, Range 7 East, easterly through Section 21 and 16, Township 41 North, Range 7 East, to its intersection with the town line boundary between the towns of Boulder Junction and Plum Lake, being approximately two miles in length.
- S. That portion of Dairymen's Road from its origin at County Highway M in Section 4, Township 42 North, Range 7 East, westerly to its intersection with Airport Road in Section 5, Township 42 North, Range 7 East, being approximately one mile in length.
- T. That portion of Airport Road from its origin at Dairymen's Road in Section 5, Township 42 North, Range 7 East, southerly through Section 8, Township 42 North, Range 7 East, to the Boulder Lake boat landing, this being the gravel portion of said road and being approximately one mile in length.

Amendment #11

- U. That portion of Dam Road which begins approximately one fifth mile (1056) feet east of the intersection of Dam Road, High and Fishtrap Lake Road, and

High Lake Road; and then extending approximately six tenths mile (3168 feet), more or less, to a point approximately one tenth mile (528 feet), more or less, to a point approximately one tenth mile (528 feet) from the eastern termination of Dam Road, and there ending. Cam Road lies entirely within Section 15, Township 42 North, Range 7 East in the Town of Boulder Junction.

- V. A portion of Allen Road lying within Section 9, Township 42 North, Range 7 East, which begins approximately three tenths mile (1584 feet) east of the intersection of Allen Road and County Highway M, and then extending approximately on half mile (2640 feet), more or less, easterly to a point approximately one tenth mile (528 feet) west of the intersection of Allen Road and High Lake Road, and there ending.

Amendment #12

- W. That portion of the road extending off Oswego-Fishtrap Lake Road which is known unofficially as the Ray Perry Road, and which begins at the intersection of these two roads in Section 10, Township 42 North, Range 7 East, and continuing in a northwesterly and then westerly direction for approximately two-tenths (2/10) of one mile to its intersection with a logging trail at the top of a hill, and there ending.

Amendment #13

- X. That part of Evergreen Lane from County Highway K to its junction with the driveway of the Evergreen Lodge property and there termination. This designate route is located in Sections 1,11,12,13,and 14, Townwhip 42 North, range 6 East and is approximately 1.89 miles in length.

100 yards to the entr'acte fo an access trail that leads to these establishments.

“amendments 14, 15, and 16 are also being corrected” (lettering corrected above)

**Town of Plum Lake**

Refer to Appendix 3N- Town of Plum Lake, Ordinance Designating Snowmobile Routes, Ordinance 121107-01

Amendment #14

- Y. That part of Anns Place from Old Cty K Est south to its Junction with the driveway of Trout Lake Unlimited (Coontail) Property (approximately 335 ft.) This designated route is located in Section 20, Township 42, Range 7.

“That the following roads are designated as snowmobile routes for snowmobile operation;

- Fred Luke’s Road from Highway K to its end
- Old Highway N
- McCormick Road
- Wharton Lake Road from Highway N to Stella Creek
- Plum Lake Drive from the public pier to Lake Street
- Front Street from Highway 155 to Smith Street
- Smith Street from Front Street to Durand Street
- Durand Street from Smith Street to Graham Street
- Graham Street from Durand Street to the ballpark
- Front Street west of Highway 155
- Golf Course Road to Club House Road
- Club House Road from Gold Course Road to Plum Lake
- Kurtzwell Road from Plum Creek Avenue east to Highway 155

Amendment #15

- Z. 315 feet of Green Street to Annes Palce and 380 feet of Annes Place as a snowmobile route in Section 20

Amendment #16

- AA..4 mile of Little Crooked Lane and 1.3 miles of Bear Lake Raod to the intersection of East Keego Road in Sction 2, Township 42N, Range 6E

Ordinance No. 2010-O-07

“the Outdoorsman Restaurant and Motel would gain access to the trail upon adoption of an amending to this Ordinance to allow trail traffic from the intersection of Ada Street and Biaisdelll Street continuing north on Ada Street for approximately

- Hanson Road
- Burlingame Road
- Camp 2 Road
- Smith Street from Front Street west
- Froelich Drive from County Highway N to Glenbrook Lake
- Glenbrook Lane west from Froelich Drive

#### **Town of Lac du Flambeau**

Refer to Appendix 3O- Town of Lac du Flambeau, Ordinance No. 94-02C, Designating Town Road Highways as Snowmobile Routes

“3.01 Designated Roads and/or Highways: No person shall operate a snowmobile on a town roadway other than the following:

- Arnold Stock Road
- Bill’s Lake Road
- Big Crooked Lake Lane
- Bo-Di-Lac Road
- Canary lane
- Cemetery Road
- Chequamegon Forest Trail
- Chippewa Trail
- Deer Trail
- East Boundary Trail
- East River Trail
- E. Squaw Lake Road
- Elks Point Road
- Fire Trail
- Florsheim Road
- Frying Pan Camp Lane
- Gresham Road
- Ike Walton Trail
- Indian Village Road
- Indian Waters Lane
- Little Pines Road

- Seven Oaks Lane
- Little Trout Road
- McKinney Lane
- Mitten Lake Road
- Moss lake Drive
- Oberland lane
- Old Prairie Road
- Paradise Bay Lane
- Pokegama Lake Spur
- Pokegama Lake Trail
- Potts Bay Lane
- Simpson Avenue
- S. Gunlock Lake Rd.
- Stearns Lake Road
- Sugarbush Trail
- Thorofare Road
- To-To-Tom Lane
- West Lane
- W. River Trail
- W. Squaw Lake Road
- Silver Beach Road
- Chicog Street”

- b) ***MAINTENANCE OF OFFICIAL MAPS AND AGREEMENTS*** The department will maintain official maps and resolution for approved routes which meet the requirement of the Chapter.

### **26.08 OFF HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLE (OHM) TRAILS AND ROUTE**

#### **1) EXCEPTIONS ON RESERVATION LANDS.**

No sections of 26.08 may be enforceable for Tribal members operating any OHM within the Reservation. On the reservation, Tribal members are only subject to penalties as identified in Tribal ordinances and Federal law. People that are not Tribal members may be subject to penalties as identified by Tribal rules,

laws and ordinances, Federal law and the Chapter as determined by the appropriate officials

- 2) **OFFICIAL OHM TRAILS.** The Department will sponsor grant funding upon request for establishment and maintenance of official OHM trails meeting specifications for State funded trails in Vilas County. In addition, OHM Clubs may establish and maintain Club funded trails within the County. Official maps and data including but not limited to insurance requirements, easement or agreement documentation and maintenance agreements shall be monitored and controlled by the The Department in cooperation with the Wisconsin DNR.

**d) STATE FUNDED OHM TRAILS**

- i) **AGREEMENTS REQUIRED.** All OHM trails shall have a written easement, verbal easement or land use agreement between the operating trail club and the landowner or managing agency which meets requirements of the landowner. Easements and land use agreement dates shall be certified by the operating trail club annually. Operating trail clubs shall also maintain an annual maintenance agreement either with Vilas County or the Vilas County OHM Alliance.

- ii) **LAND USE AGREEMENTS REQUIRED.** Prior to acceptance as an official OHM trail or route and prior to County assistance with grant funding, trails on Vilas County Lands, State Lands, Federal Lands and within the Reservation shall be authorized by appropriate agency through a land use agreement with the operating club for such use. If the trail is proposed to be situated on County highway right-of-way, land use agreements shall be in cooperation with and the approval of the Vilas County Highway Committee. All trail designations on

County lands shall be consistent with the Vilas County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan. **Standard County Land Use Agreements can be found in Appendix 2A. Other agencies have their independent requirements for land use agreements and processing requirements.**

**iii) TRAIL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT.**

Trail clubs shall maintain an annual maintenance agreement with Vilas County. Annual maintenance agreements shall define the managing trail club as “the operator” of the trail segments. All maintenance agreements will include a requirement for liability insurance provided by the managing Trail club, naming Vilas County as an additional insured. Any and all trail maintenance agreements must be approved by the Committee with signature of the Committee Chair. **Standard OHM Operations and Maintenance Agreements can be found in Appendix 3C.**

- iv) **LIABILITY.** Operating trail clubs shall list parcel identification numbers for all lands with trails in annual maintenance agreements to provide protections to the landowners under Wisconsin Recreation Laws. All land parcel identification numbers shall also be designated by the operating trail club under their annual liability policy.
- v) **CLUB FUNDED TRAILS.** While the County does not sponsor or provide funding for Club trails, it is recommended that the club operating a trail should maintain both easements and liability policies which protect landowners in all cases.

**4) OHM TRAILS AND ROUTES WITHIN THE RESERVATION BOUNDARY-** At this point, no agreements are in place with the Tribe for formal OHM trails or routes on the Reservation.

**5) OHM ROUTES-** OHM trail clubs and other interested parties can request the use of roadways from the County, Towns and the State of Wisconsin.

**c) OHM ROUTES ON COUNTY**

**ROADWAYS-** OHM trail clubs can request the use of roadways from the County. An established OHM club must request the route use through the Department. Any use of County property, including use of rights of way or travel on the paved surface will require a land use agreement approved by the appropriate Committee of jurisdiction. Land Use agreements will be drafted and presented by the Department and processed through the appropriate County Committees. Under the land use agreement, the operating OHM club shall provide for insurance coverage and maintenance as may be required by the Committee of jurisdiction.

**d) COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAYS**

Vilas County may authorize the operation of OHM vehicles on County Trunk Highways and rights-of-way.

OHM Routes on County trunk highways shall be processed through the Forestry, Recreation and Land Committee with cooperation of the Highway Committee. Any use of County highway property will require a land use agreement or amendment of current land use agreements and approval by the Highway Committee.

Once the land use agreement is approved, the Committee will process a resolution for amendment of the Chapter

to the Vilas County Board of Supervisors for approval.

**i) APPROVED COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAY OHM ROUTES.** The following County controlled roads are authorized as OHM routes for:

**No County Trunk Highways have been requested or approved.**

**d) COUNTY FOREST ROADS**

Vilas County may designate County Forest Roads which provide connection of OHM trails for residents and businesses

OHM Routes on County Forest Roads shall be processed through the Forestry, Recreation and Land Committee. Any use of County forest property will require a land use agreement or amendment of current land use agreements and approval by the Committee.

Once the land use agreement is approved, the Committee will process a resolution for amendment of the Chapter to the Vilas County Board of Supervisors for approval

**i) APPROVED COUNTY FOREST ROADS**

**No County Trunk Highways have been requested or approved.**

**6) OHM ROUTES ON TOWN ROADWAYS-**

Vilas County Townships may designate OHM routes on Town Roads. Route designation is an independent Town decision approved by a Town Resolution.



c) **Town Roads Open To OHMs as Per Town Actions**

**Town of Conover**

Refer to Appendix 3B- Ordinance 125-18, Town of Conover Ammendement/Addition to Chapter 7, Off-Highway Motorcycles

“7:45 Designation of OHM Routes:

1. Only those portion of Town roads that are identified in attachment A. “Designated OHM Routes

From Junction of Tamarack Road and Rummels Road South on Tamarack Road 8,464’

From Junction of Rummels Road and West Big Portage lake Road, North on West big Portage Lake Road 1,519’

From Junction of Rummels Road and West Big Portage lake Road, west on Rummels Road 2,870’

From Junction of Rummels Road and West Big Portage lake Road, east on Rummels Road 6,811’ (amended 12/12/20 from 6,311’)”

- d) ***MAINTENANCE OF OFFICIAL MAPS AND AGREEMENTS*** The department will maintain official maps and resolutions for approved routes which meet the requirement of the Chapter.

forfeiture as set forth in the Deposit Schedule below, plus court costs.

**26.10 Severability.** Should any portion of this Ordinance be declared by the Court to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

**26.11 Effective Date.** This Ordinance becomes effective immediately upon passage by the Vilas County Board of Supervisors and publication.

**26.12 Deposit Schedule.** The penalty for violation of any provision of this chapter shall be a forfeiture as hereinafter provided, together with court costs and restitution as may be required. **Forfeiture Schedule and Total Deposit- see Appendix 4.**

**APPENDIX 1- STANDARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS**

**26.08 Enforcement.** This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Vilas County Sheriff’s Department.

**26.09 Violations/Penalty.** The penalty for violation of any part of the chapter shall result

**APPENDIX 2- STANDARD**  
**COUNTY LAND USE PERMITS**

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**APPENDIX 3- TOWN**  
**ORDINANCES**

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**APPENDIX 4- FORFEITURE**  
**SCHEDULE**

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**APPENDIX 5-**

**Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior**

**Chippewa Indians**

**Vilas County Snowmobile Trail Land Use**

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